

When you are in a fight for survival, the most important decision you make is who you want in the foxhole with you. When I have ever had a tough fight, PHIL was my first call. For two reasons: I want him on my side, and I sure do not want him on the other side. I can say without reservation that PHIL GRAMM is truly irreplaceable. What I admire most about him is his courage. PHIL and Wendy have been good friends to Ray and me. We are friends in the Senate, and friends at home. PHIL, I will miss you. I wish you well and look forward to having you as a constituent.

#### CHAPLAIN OGILVIE ON HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, for his 8 years of service as the U.S. Senate Chaplain.

Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie was born in Kenosha, WI, and graduated from the Garrett Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. After serving at churches in Illinois and Pennsylvania, he was a pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, CA, for over 20 years. Since 1995, Chaplain Ogilvie has served as the 61st Chaplain of the Senate.

This great Nation was founded on faith in God and has been supported throughout its history by the faith and prayers of its citizens. Chaplain Ogilvie has taken part in this great tradition by his undying devotion to the Senate. Over the past 8 years, Chaplain Ogilvie has provided the Senate family with kind words and open arms. From his weekly prayer groups to his moving opening prayers, Chaplain Ogilvie has been a consistent source of inspiration and strength for the Senate family.

As our Nation faced the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001, Chaplain Ogilvie helped our Senate leaders come together to help heal a wounded Nation. Today, as we continue to face possible attacks on our land, Chaplain Ogilvie provides us with the strength to continue working to uphold the ideals of this great Nation. On a more personal level, I thank Chaplain Ogilvie for the support he offered my staff and I when we lost our beloved Holly Richardson. His comforting sentiments and lending ear certainly offered us hope and a renewal of our faith. We are all thankful for his tremendous service, and he will be greatly missed by all those in the Senate.

On behalf of myself, my colleagues, and our Nation, I express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie for his service to the Senate. I wish his wife Mary Jane the best for a speedy return to good health, and the best of luck to his children and grandchildren. I thank Dr. Ogilvie for all his good works and for bringing the word of the Lord to so many people.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. GERALYN M. JACOBS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. GERALYN M. JACOBS of Vermillion, SD who has been named the South Dakota Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. This award is given to professors who demonstrate a high level of dedication to teaching and a commitment to students, and who use innovative instructional methods. Dr. Jacobs' dedication to early childhood education and academic accomplishments make her an outstanding recipient of this award.

Since 1995, Dr. Jacobs has been a professor at the University of South Dakota. In addition to her teaching responsibilities as an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education in the School of Education, she serves as President of the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children and is active in several professional, campus and community organizations. She co-produced a CD ROM, "Inclusion: Celebrating Children's Successes," that provides resources for teachers working with children with special needs and she often leads workshops and classes for teachers in South Dakota. Dr. Jacobs brings 16 years of experience working with school-age children to her college classrooms.

Through her tireless efforts at the University of South Dakota and in many area communities, Dr. Jacobs has an invaluable impact on many teachers and their students. Recent brain research has shown us that early childhood educators can have a tremendous impact on the development of young minds, and I would like to thank GERALYN JACOBS for her contributions to South Dakota schools and congratulate her on this well-earned recognition.

#### TRIBUTE TO THURSTON ERIC WOMBLE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding staff member and friend, Eric Womble. For the past 7 years, Eric has served as my national security adviser and military legislative assistant, and as one of my most able counselors. As Eric moves on to new challenges in the private sector, it is my privilege to commend him for his service.

The son of Thurston and Olive Womble, Eric was born at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland and was raised in Mobile, AL. He received his undergraduate degree in 1979 from the United States Naval Academy and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1980. Before retiring from the United States Navy in 1997, he served in many assignments, including: Patrol Squadron Twenty-Four, VP-24; the Joint

Chiefs of Staff Intern Program in Washington, D.C.; the Program Resource Appraisal Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, OP-81; Flag Secretary to Commander Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan; Fleet Replacement Instructor in Patrol Squadron Thirty, VP-30; Operations Officer in Patrol Squadron Forty-Nine, VP-49; Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Research; and in the Department of Defense's Congressional Fellows Program.

During his military career, Eric was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Services Medal with a gold star, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Meritorious Unit Commendation with bronze star. He also earned an MBA from Marymount University of Virginia and served as a White House Social Aid for President Ronald Reagan.

When Eric came to work for me seven years ago, I assigned him the task of helping me implement an innovative plan to create new jobs in Mississippi by growing the research and technology base at our universities and in our industrial community. Eric's efforts helped Mississippi universities and businesses grow their research and technology programs by approximately 200 percent from 1996 to 2002. This growth in research and technology was a major factor in attracting several Fortune 500 companies, including Nissan Motor Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, The Boeing Company and Alliant TechSystems. Mississippi also has become home to several new military commands including Special Boat Unit Twenty-Two, the Navy's Southeast Region Human Resource Office, and the Air National Guard's first C-17 squadron. This prescription for growth, which Eric helped me pursue for seven years, also helped several existing entities in Mississippi, including Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Raytheon Aerospace Company, and the Meteorology and Oceanography command to prosper and create more jobs.

When our military was suffering from extremely low retention and recruiting in the mid-1990's, Eric helped me craft legislation that helped reverse these troubling trends. During his tenure on my staff, the Congress passed the largest pay raise for our military men and women since 1981, repealed the REDUX retirement system, reset the future pay raise formula to Employment Compensation Index plus one-half percent, implemented dual compensation exemption for military officers, reset the pay caps for our Flag and General officers, created the TRICARE For Life military health care system, and targeted millions of dollars in pay raises to our mid-career enlisted military personnel and officers. Eric also assisted me in improving the quality of medical care to our military veterans by helping me craft legislation to establish a Medicare Subvention Demonstration program and a prescription drug program.